Hallowmon Where Are You

During a recent interview with John Smith, Black Power strategist and member of the black community organization known as the "Invaders" revealed his complete disgust and dissatisfaction with the city school board, Carver high school Administration, and the policies of radio station WDIA.

In the following letter, John Smith reveals his inner most feelings about the total situation:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Because I am a political prisoner, many things may happen to me since the city finds it necessary to treat me this way. This should encourage my black brothers and sisters to get down on the case because soon we may all be political prisoners. Concentration camps are here baby, they just got to start filling them up.

For years, Bert Ferguson has been speaking as a voice of the black peoples' community. He has neither the right nor the emotional capacity to do this. No white man, regardless of his position can sit in judgment on the actions of black people. It is quite clear that radio station WDIA is guilty of he same crime that the City Board of Education is guilty of and that is "white bossism" and "white control."

If it is the desire of that radio station to serve as the voice of the black community, they should allow a black dee jay to write, read editorials. Out of the entire black staff of WDIA, only one black man serves in a management position. Nat D. Williams has been with that station as long as I can remember. I think it is about time he sat behind a desk and let that be for the record.

Mr. Ferguson has no right to speak on the rioting at Carver high school. For him to make any kind of observation or even express his opinion, he should have first consulted with some [illegible] faced with the situation only they can settle . . .

Our black principals acted as they did because of the fear they have of the board of education. They do not have a free hand in the administration of the school. We even find in some schools that they are placing white assistant principals in our schools to exert even more direct control over the students and teachers.

I charge Mr. Ferguson with the same thing when he starts his editorials with the statement: "We at WDIA" which makes him seem as black as any D.J. at the station. To me it seems he is telling the black community what to feel and think on issues that effect black people directly. If he really had feeling for the black community he should give his job to one of the black radio D.J.'s who knows the community.

To Mr. E. C. Stimbert, who refered to certain charges made by the Invaders as being rediculous, I graduated from Carver in 1962 and the curriculum is basically the same now as it was then. The last trouble that happened at Carver came directly from the students. If their grievances are not heard and acted upon the school board can expect to feel the full weight of the black community.

This is not a threat from the Invaders, but a demand from the housewives, factory workers, garbagemen, postmen, wineos, pimps, prostitues — the entire black community and let that be for the record.

The system can do anything it wants to do to me, because there are more where I came from. A $50,000 bond won't stop me, a $10,000 bond won't stop me. They can kill me that ain't going to stop me, because there are some 6 and 7 year old black kids who sit on my porch and talk about [illegible]

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